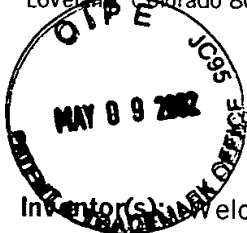


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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under CFR 1.114 of the above-identified applicaiton.

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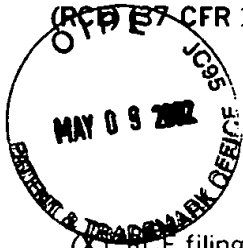
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